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FOR PASTOR, NSC

FOLLOWING REPEAT CARACAS 4523 ACTION SECSTATE AND WHITE HOUSE
MAY 17.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 4523

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, VE, DR
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

1. PRESIDENT PEREZ DELIVERED TO ME THIS AFTERNOON (MAY 17) A
LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SITUATION IN
IT PRESIDENT PEREZ SUGGESTS STRONG OAS ACTION SHOULD THE DOMINICAN
ELECTION BE NULLIFIED.

2. TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS (ORIGINAL TO BE POUCHEO TO
STATE-ARA):

QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY
JIMMY CARTER
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEEPLY WORRIED BY NEWS RECEIVED FROM MY EMBASSY IN THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE RESULTS
OF YESTERDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION MAY BE IGNORED, I WISH
TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY IMPRESSIONS IN THE CERTAINTY THAT YOUR
STRONG, FIRM AND SINCERE POSITION OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN

RIGHTS WILL COINCIDE FULLY WITH MINE IN THE SENSE THAT IGNORING THE WILL OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE WILL BE AN IRREPARABLE BLOW TO YOUR POLICIES AS WELL AS TO THE REESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA.

I BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT TO ADMIT THIS FLAGRANT AND BRUTAL FRAUD PERPETRATED ON THE WILL OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE WOULD LOSE ALL CREDIBILITY TO OUR POLICY OF DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. VERY FRANKLY I SUBMIT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND REFLECTION THAT, GIVEN THE RECENT HISTORY OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE DOMINICAN POLITICAL PROCESS, THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE SERIOUSLY COMPROMISED BY THE ADVANTAGES THAT WOULD BE GAINED FROM THIS DRAMATIC EVENT BY ANTI-AMERICAN GROUPS.

I BELIEVE IT IS INDISPENSIBLE THAT, WERE THE EVENT TO BE CONSUMMATED, THE MOST SEVERE MEASURES SHOULD BE APPLIED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AGAINST THE DE FACTO REGIME THAT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO REMIND YOU THAT THE MOST ABJECT SYMBOL OF LATIN AMERICAN DICTATORSHIPS FOR OUR MATIONS IS TRUJILLO AND THAT A NEW DICTATORSHIP IN THE DOMINICAN
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REPUBLIC WOULD RECALL THAT SOMBER FIGURE.

I WOULD HOLD IN MUCH ESTEEM, PRESIDENT CARTER, THE MOST URGENT ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER WHICH THREATENS TO TURN INTO THE MOST SERIOUS CRISIS IN THE CARIBBEAN SINCE THE CUBAN REVOLUTION, AND WHICH COULD BRING WITH IT UNPREDICTABLE IMPLICATIONS.

CORDIALLY,

CARLOS ADNRES PEREZ
PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA. UNQUOTE.
VAKY UNQUOTE VANCE

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